

River Valley School District
Thursday, July 9, 2020
Regular Meeting
Middle School Library
7:00 pm

*(Used Social Distancing During COVID-19)
(Held as a Virtual Meeting During COVID-19)*

- This meeting was conducted as a virtual meeting due to an active emergency situation. The public was able to view this meeting live on our River Valley YouTube Channel.

- The District discouraged the public and/or media from attending the meeting in person at its noticed location due to concerns with health and safety. Anyone who attended the meeting in person was required to wear a mask and follow social distancing.

- Public comments were to be shared without attending this meeting in person by contacting Kathy Jennings, Board President, prior to the meeting at 608-588-4737 or at jennings.rvsb@rvschools.org.

Present: Strozinsky, Nelson, Jennings, Young, Bettinger, Cates, Maier, Iausly
Absent: McGuire
Admin: Glasbrenner, Krey, Radtke, Blakley, Peterson, Kjos
Others: Paula Wedige (Administrative Assistant), Judy Ettenhoff (Home News)

President Jennings opened the meeting. She noted that there was an amended agenda and the meeting had been properly posted and notice had been provided to the appropriate media and each School Board Member. Iausly moved to proceed with the legal meeting. Strozinsky seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Approval of Agenda

Maier moved to approve the agenda. Strozinsky seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Per Jennings, no one from the public contacted her prior to the meeting with public comments. There were no public comments during the meeting.

Review of Strategic Plan

Glasbrenner noted that he studied the Strategic Plan before he came to the district and uses it on an ongoing basis for planning purposes, including the belief statements. An update with comments from Board and A-Team members on how we are meeting each strategy listed, or noting where there is work to be done, was shared at the meeting.

Update on School District Operations from Administration

Glasbrenner noted that he has weekly online meetings with several groups to get information related to Covid 19. The most essential is the group of Sauk County District Administrators and Tim Lawther, Sauk County Health Officer, who are making decisions together.

River Valley is planning to open for in-person schooling this fall, while also offering a virtual option, and would be ready to do a combination of both if needed. A parent survey showed 93% of parents responding want children to return to in-person schooling this fall.

Safety and academics have been the focus of discussions. Guidelines are being drafted for how to get kids back to school in an environment with the least amount of harm that allows growth for kids while trying to line up commitments with Strategic Plan goals. Families will need to ensure student health before sending kids to school. There is discussion of keeping kids in cohorts and wearing masks in common areas or when social distancing is not possible. Families that choose a virtual option will need to understand the expectations for family responsibility.

So parents get used to a consistent way of how we are “doing school,” every PreK-12th grade teacher will plan out each week and post on our website for parents to see standards, targets, and tasks for that week. Parents with kids in different grades will see a cohesive outline of goals for each classroom. Staff and parent steering committees are working on the process and forms to be used. Teachers are being offered a Professional Development Academy on July 22 and 23.

Krey noted that facilities are being revamped for non-contact versions of faucets and towel and soap dispensers. Air circulation will be increased at each building and air filters have been upgraded. Cardinal IG donated face shields for all staff members. We are adding to our supply of hand sanitizer and gloves in various sizes and looking at plexiglass shields for offices and movable shields for desks. Bussing, building entrance and exit procedures, traffic patterns and signage within buildings and for outdoor activities, and scheduling, including cohorts, are all being discussed.

Glasbrenner added that students are our number one priority, and we are opening for kids to get an education and are not opening for economic purposes.

Board Reminders, Announcements, and Training Opportunities

Nelson noted that the WASB Region 10 Director is looking for Board members to serve on a committee to prep resolutions for the January convention. If interested, let Nelson know.

Legislative Update

Glasbrenner noted that he has been attending weekly virtual meetings with various groups to discuss Covid-19 and how to return to school. He also noted that there are new literacy, physical education and personal finance academic standards coming out this year.

Consent Agenda: - Checks, Invoices, Receipts – June 2020; Open Session Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2020, Regular Meeting

Young moved to approve the consent agenda items as submitted. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Academic Standards Notice

Iausly moved to approve the annual required notice for Academic Standards Notice as follows: “The River Valley School District follows the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) as adopted by the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction as an outline of base expectations. The related accountability and testing is conformed to as appropriate to be in compliance with all state and federal laws. Where appropriate, classroom materials have been aligned to the CCSS. The CCSS being only an outline of base expectations, are exceeded in almost all areas of school offerings.” Strozinsky seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolution to Appoint Human Growth and Development Committee for 2020-21 and 2021-22

Strozinsky moved to adopt the Resolution to Appoint Human Growth and Development Committee for 2020-21 and 2021-12. Iausly seconded. This Committee, which is made up of staff, students, Board members, and community members, is appointed every two years to review Human Growth and Development curriculum. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Academic and Career Planning (ACP) Document Approval

Bettinger moved to approve the annually required notice for Academic and Career Planning (ACP). Iausly seconded. This required notice is on our website. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Annual Meeting Date – Monday, October 26, 2020 – 7:00 pm

Bettinger moved to set the annual meeting for Monday, October 26, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Strozinsky seconded. The location has not yet been determined, as we will look for a location where social distancing can take place. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Resignations, if any

Iausly moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Resignation of Ryne Ponsler, Spanish Teacher. Maier seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Hirings, if any

Iausly moved to approve the following hirings: Jordyn Wendhausen as full time School Nurse, Heather Hodges as High School Spanish Teacher, and Matthew Gausmann, as Middle School Special Education Teacher. Strozinsky seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts, if any

Strozinsky moved to adopt the Resolutions Accepting Gifts as follows: \$25 parking refund donated to Fund 21 for families in need from Fred and Natalie Iausly; \$51.75 lunch account balance donated to Fund 21 for families in need from Fred and Natalie Iausly; 50 face shields valued at \$50 to the district from Cardinal IG; \$150 from Chris Niemeyer for milk for the meal program; 25 gallons of hand sanitizer valued at \$1,250 to the district from the Dancing Goat Distillery; and 100 vouchers for a free gallon of milk from Kwik Trip valued at \$200 for families in need from Ann McDonald, State Farm Agent. Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote:

For the motion: Bettinger, Cates, Jennings, Maier, Nelson, Strozinsky, Young

Against the motion: N/A

Abstain: Iausly

Absent: McGuire

Polled vote was 7-0 in the affirmative with 1 abstention and 1 absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2020-21 Handbooks

Bettinger moved to approve the following 2020-21 handbooks: Elementary Student, Middle School Student, High School Student, Special Education, At Risk, Athletic Code, Activities Code, Coaches, Crisis Plan, and Before and After School Program. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2019-20 Restraint and Seclusion Report

Iausly moved to approve the 2019-20 report. Bettinger seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Policy Committee Recommendations

As recommended by the Committee, Strozinsky moved to approve the second reading of the following policies: 511 Equal Opportunity Employment; (NEW) 511 Exhibit Disability Accommodation Request Form; 545 Hiring ~~Athletic Coaches~~ Co-Curricular Coaches and Advisors; 251 Exhibit River Valley Organizational Chart; 345.4 Laude System; 345.4 Exhibit Laude Chart; 345.5 Graduation Requirements; 763 Healthy Kids Initiative Policy (Wellness Policy); and 860 Visitors to Schools. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Iausly moved to approve the first reading of the following policies: 161 Board Member Authority and 163 Board Member Development Opportunities. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

The Committee will discuss again at the next meeting the idea of deleting the following policies and instead just pulling a sentence from each to introduce each policy section or create a statement combining language from each: 110 Educational Philosophy and Goals; 210 Administration Goals; 310 Educational Outcome Goals and Expectations; 410 Student Policies Goals; 510 Personnel Policies Goals; 610 Fiscal Management Goals; and 710 Support Services Goals.

Consideration & Action on Buildings & Grounds/School Forest Committee Recommendations

Strozinsky provided an update from the Committee meeting. The Committee heard public comments regarding the potential sale of school forest property located in Lone Rock.

A concern that was brought forth was that if the Village purchases the property, they would be in competition with taxpayers and have an unfair advantage over developers since the Village can use tax dollars and grants and the developer has to use their own monies.

The Committee recommends that the district offer the property to the Village of Lone Rock for \$5,000, and if they do not accept within 30 days, then we sell to the highest bidder. Board action on the sale of this property will take place later on tonight's meeting agenda.

The Committee began a review of a Stormwater Drainage Plan for the district, noted that all safety projects funded through a prior grant have been completed, heard the monthly DASHIR report, and noted that the Lone Rock timber harvest wouldn't occur at this time. It was suggested that HVAC projects be moved up on the facilities priority list with ventilation concerns during Covid-19. Krey noted that the Committee will be discussing all items on the list at their next meeting.

Consideration & Action on Sale of School Forest Property in Lone Rock

Strozinsky noted that the Committee recommends that the district offer the property to the Village of Lone Rock for \$5,000, and if they do not accept within 30 days, then we sell to the highest bidder.

Maier moved to open up for bid the sale of School Forest Property in Lone Rock. Jennings seconded. It was noted that the Village of Lone Rock never approached the district asking to buy but they could submit a bid if interested. Bettinger, Cates, and Young agreed that we should open up for bid. We can choose the bid that is most beneficial to the district and taxpayers, regardless of the offer amount. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Technology Committee Recommendations

Iausly provided an update from the Committee meeting. The Committee is recommending that the Budget/ERC Committee take action at their next meeting to recommend to the Board the

hiring of retired teacher Mike McDermott for a 2020-2021 Technology Integrator role at a cost not to exceed \$8,000. This position would be involved in districtwide media, video, audio, and YouTube recordings, and potentially some marketing projects.

Additional information was provided for the earlier item on this agenda regarding "Update on District Operations." Glasbrenner noted that small groups of elementary kids will be attending summer school in August, and we will be practicing for fall on how to work with kids to follow safety guidelines. We are currently working with small groups of high school students for strength and conditioning while working with some students online for high school credit recovery. A "tech camp" idea for parents and children is being discussed. Peterson noted we would target specific children that really missed out this spring during the virtual learning. When questioned about the use of outside school facilities, Glasbrenner noted we are keeping groups to 10 or fewer in Phase 2 and following those guidelines inside and outside.

Maier moved to adjourn at 8:56 pm. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige for:

 Deborah Nelson, School District Clerk